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## **JEFFERSON CITY MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE, ILLEGAL FIREARM**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being in possession of cocaine and a firearm.

**Charles Allen Roark**, 26, of Jefferson City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Roark** was in possession with intent to distribute cocaine on June 7, 2005, in Cole County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Roark** was in possession of a loaded Imez .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol on June 7, 2005, in Cole County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Roark** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for assault and unlawful use of a weapon, both in Cole County.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Roark** to forfeit to the government all property derived from the proceeds of the alleged violations, including \$3,247 seized from **Roark** on June 7, 2005.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives, and the Jefferson City, Mo., Police Department.

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